

Appln. No. 10/687,383

Attorney Docket No. 10541-1825

I. Remarks

Reconsideration and reexamination of this application view of the following remarks is herein respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-3, 6 and 10-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,575,263 to Hjelsand et al in view of U.S. Patent 6,609,052 to Radamis et al ("Radamis"). This rejection is improper because Radamis cannot be used as prior art. 35 U.S.C. § 103(c) states:

Subject matter developed by another person, which qualifies as prior art only under one or more of subsections (e), (f), and (g) of Section 102 of this title, shall not preclude patentability under this section where the subject matter and the claimed invention were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person.

Radamis and the current application have a common assignee. As shown on the front page of Radamis and the assignment records for that patent (copies of which are attached), the Radamis reference was assigned to Vision Global Technologies, Incorporated ("VTGI"). The current application is likewise assigned to VTGI, the assignment having been recorded at reel/frame 014625/0566, and a copy of which is attached.

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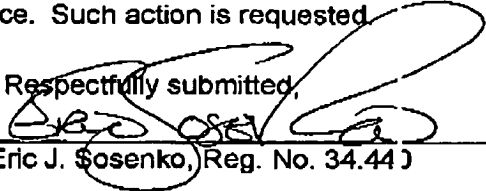
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Conclusion

In view of the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present form of the claims are patentably distinguishable over the art of record and that this application is now in condition for allowance. Such action is requested.

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(54) **TORQUE SENSOR BACKUP IN A STEER-BY-WIRE SYSTEM**

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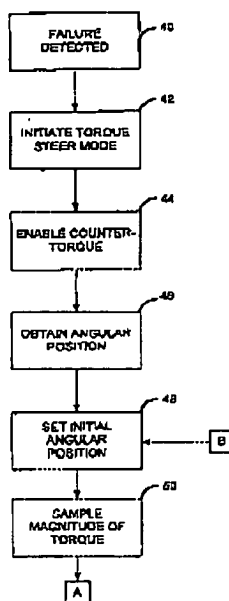
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A steer-by-wire system for use in a vehicle includes a driver interface system. The driver interface system includes a steering mechanism for use by an operator of the vehicle. The steer-by-wire system may allow the operator to steer the vehicle during failures within the driver interface system. When a failure is detected, the movement of the steering mechanism is controlled and torque applied by the operator to the steering mechanism is measured. The vehicle is maneuvered by the steer-by-wire system as a function of the torque applied.

29 Claims, 4 Drawing Sheets





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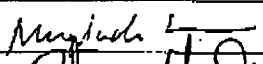
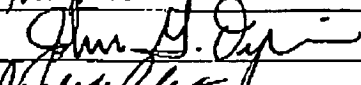

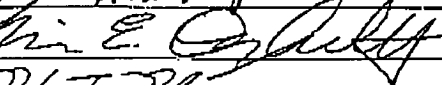
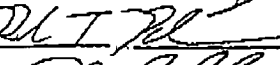
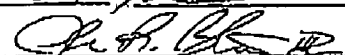
ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we have invented: DRIVER INTERFACE SYSTEM FOR STEER-BY-WIRE SYSTEM, identified as Visteon Disclosure No.: V203-0091 and Attorney Docket No.: 10541-1825, and described in the application executed on the same date hereof.

WHEREAS, VISTEON GLOBAL TECHNOLOGIES, INC., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Michigan and located at Suite 728, Parklane Tower: East, One Parklane Boulevard, Dearborn, Michigan 48126, is desirous of acquiring an exclusive right to said invention.

For valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we hereby sell and assign to VISTEON GLOBAL TECHNOLOGIES, INC., the full and exclusive right to said invention, to all patent applications for said invention in the United States and in all other countries, including all rights of priority in and to said invention in such other countries, and to all patents issued on said invention in the United States and in all other countries; and we hereby request the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to issue all patents on said invention to VISTEON GLOBAL TECHNOLOGIES, INC, as the assignee.

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